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**Provisional Patent application for an Improved Hammock Spreader system  
using a rod, frame or hammock construction**

**Summary:**

A removable spreading rod for hammocks.

A hammock manufactured with a curve built into the ends of the hammock bed.

Some hammocks have a wooden spreading rod with holes drilled in at spaced intervals for the cord attachment to the hammock bed. This spreading rod is inserted during construction.

**My invention;**

A flexible spreading rod can also be used to spread the hammock bed. Previous hammocks have used a rigid spreading bar, with the cords attached to this bar or are threaded through holes in the rod. With my system the spreading bar can be inserted into the fabric. By using a non-rigid spreading bar, the hammock bed is allowed to flex at the point of most pressure, achieving a more comfortable hammock, but still opening up the hammock bed. It is easily removed if it is not required. This rod could be made of a plastic, rubber, spring steel or some other flexible material.

An alternative could be a rigid spreading rod, which is removable. One example is as per drawing, but other variations are possible and will be covered in the patent application.

Another alternative covered by this application, is for the spreader bar to be integral with a hammock frame or stand. For this to work satisfactorily the hammock cloth or fabric must be cut in a curve. This gives a belly or curvature to the hammock which is essential for comfort. ~~See drawing~~